

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [034] as follows:

[034] Beverage syrups for use according to the present invention use a freezing point depressant alone or in combination with a high-potency non-caloric sweetener, such as aspartame or saccharin. Other high potency non-caloric sweeteners that may be used include acesulfame-K, cyclamate, sucralose, or a combination thereof. The term “non-caloric sweetener” refers to sweeteners which provide human bioavailable calorie contents of zero or nearly zero to food or beverage products.